

**FREDERICKSBURG  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of December 10, 2009**

The December meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, December 10, 2009 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Brian Baker, Bob Carter, Tim Duffy, George Foster, Ken Kroko, Charles McDaniel (arrived late), George Solley, and Susan Tyler. Absent: Commissioner Barbara Miller-Richards. Also in attendance: Robert Antozzi and Patricia Sparks.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of October 15, 2009 were unanimously approved.
- II. **Public Comment:** None.
- III. **Communications from the Director:** Commissioner Baker had a request from some of the Commissioners to make the meeting tonight as short as possible. Commissioner Baker then suspended the Sports Report, the Leisure Report and the Follow-up report in order to allow for a reasonable amount of time for discussion on other reports that needed to be addressed. The Commissioners reviewed the following reports:

Financial Report – November 2009  
2010 Commission Meeting Dates  
Letter from the American Canoe Association to Wendy Stone

- IV. **Noteworthy Dates:** No discussion.

V. **Old Business:**

- A. **Pathways** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the National Park Service has conducted the test pits on a proposed area of the VCR trail and nothing was identified. Heritage Trail is ahead of the VCR trail in terms of the permitting process.
- B. **Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Partnership** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the City is in the process of reviewing the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Lease Agreement. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009 with the City Manager and the City Attorney to review the Lease Agreement.
- C. **Riverfront Park** – Dr. Antozzi reported that currently the amphitheatre is flooded.

**D. Policy on Alcohol at DHCC** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the City Manager approved the Alcohol Policy for the Dorothy Hart Community Center. Commissioner Solley stated that the fees are cost prohibitive for small non-profit organizations. Commissioner Baker will consult a specialist from the ABC board and if possible invite him/her to the next Commission Meeting to explain and determine accommodating smaller non-profit organizations with 25-30 people that may want to serve alcohol. Commissioner Solley stated that there is a difference between a wedding reception and a smaller organization that may want to serve wine at their meeting.

**E. Finally Fridays** – No business

**F. Doris Buffett Recognition** – No business

**G. Youth Sports Policy and Procedures** – The Commissioners discussed water availability for the players. Items of discussion included: placement of players on teams, age group division survey (12 year olds playing with 15 year olds), businesses that sponsor a team, the distribution of trophies for the players, and the criteria used on background record checks on coaches. Commissioner McDaniel offered to send the criteria that his company uses for background checks. Dr. Antozzi stated that he would get the results of the age division survey and e-mail the results to the Commissioners. Recommendations that were made were noted by the Director and the Secretary.

**H. Dixon Park Policy/Facility Use Contract - Sports Team Placement** – The Commissioners received and reviewed the Dixon Park Use Policy/Dixon Park Facility Use Contract. The recommendations were noted in reference to consistency and the terminology of the policy and contract. The Commissioners discussed increasing the fees charged for the rental of the fields. Dr. Antozzi stated that the fees are established through the fall of 2010. The fee structure can be raised for any given year. Discussion to be continued in January.

## **VI. New Business:**

**A. Pool Discussion** – The Commissioners received a part of the 2008 Dixon Aquatic Facility Policy. The Commissioners were asked to review the document and discussion will continue in January.

## **VII. Commission Concerns and Topics:**

Commissioner Tyler stated that the winter brochure was the best one yet. The brochure was professionally done. Commissioner Tyler said that she went to College Terrace Association Meeting last night and people on Mary Ball Street are very concerned about Memorial Park. When the lights go off at 10:30 p.m., there are drug deals, sex and all kinds of things going on. The Police are being called constantly and they are trying to stay on top of it. Dr. Antozzi thanked Commissioner Tyler for the information.

Commissioner Kroko stated that he has not heard a lot about First Night. Dr. Antozzi stated that the hotel is providing six rooms and electricity. Fund-raising is continuing. A laser light show is scheduled; however, we will not be having fireworks. Orlando Davidson, a welder from Public Works, is making a hand-carved giant sparkling pineapple that will be lowered during the countdown to the New Year.

Commissioner McDaniel stated that the Spratt Construction Company leaves a mess wherever they work in the City of Fredericksburg. Parks and Recreation or Public Works has to clean up after Spratt, which means that the City is paying for the cleanup. Dr. Antozzi thanked Commissioner McDaniel for the information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Approved by the Recreation Commission

  
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Robert Antozzi, Director

  
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Date

Next Commission Meeting Thursday, January 21, 2010.